

**ABSTRACT**

A front-loading picture holding system comprising a transparent plate, a support surface supporting the transparent plate and a picture 5 between the transparent plate and the support surface, and a base that receives the transparent plate and the support surface is provided. Magnets are fixed to the transparent plate and the support surface. The support surface has an edge that is located near the 10 perimeter of the support surface and recessed into the rearward of the base. Ferromagnetic body may be used instead of the magnet either in the transparent plate or in the support surface. The transparent plate is removably attached to the support surface by 15 magnetic force between the plate magnet and the corresponding surface magnet, and the transparent plate may be pulled apart by pressing the transparent plate over the edge and pivoting the transparent plate over the support surface.